

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

TETSUYA OZAWA

For: RAW GARBAGE TREATMENT  
APPARATUS AND A CUTTER  
THEREOF

Art Unit: --

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts as required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 59-162957 published by the Japanese Patent Office on September 13, 1984; and

B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-113194 published by the Japanese Patent Office on April 24, 2001.

The above-listed prior art are not in the English language, but the concise explanation of relevance of these prior art is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3).

Nonetheless, an English language abstract of prior art B is attached to the copy thereof.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

Respectfully submitted,

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